

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. Claims 9-20 were allowed and claims 1-8 stand rejected. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-8 thereby traversing the rejection.

Advisory Action

The Office maintains the rejection of claims 1-8 following the After-Final reconsideration. Applicant notes that the application was not presented to Quality Control.

Applicant disagrees with the Office and maintains that claims 1-8 recite 'means plus function' language that is within the framework established by the courts and meets the requirements set forth in the MPEP. Applicant also believes that the specification and prosecution history has been clear in defining and claiming the 'means for developing' limitation and the corresponding lithographic structure. Furthermore, Applicant maintains that the prior art does teach the structure of the claimed multi-layered product.

However, without prejudice or acquiescence to the position of the Office, Applicant herein cancels claims 1-8, thereby traversing the only rejection. Application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant maintains all rights and obligations to continue prosecution of claims 1-8 in a subsequent application. The amendments herein are fully responsive to the Advisory Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted,

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